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'Students Who Are CIA Cooperators Will Be Revealed'

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Names of individuals and student groups on this campus already involved in the controversy over the Central Intelligence Agency's financing of the National Student Association will be allegedly revealed at a Community for New Politics (CNP) meeting today at noon in 11 Wheeler.

Robert Avakian, who collaborated with Sol Stern on the Ramparts magazine article that uncovered the subsidizing issue, told The Daily Californian, "We're going to name individuals on this campus who, as NSA staff members, have cooperated with the CIA."

He said Kamparts has a "lot more information. We intend to do a major job on the CIA."

Avakian, who is also a CNP candidate for the Berkeley City Council, added, "We will also discuss other student groups linked with CIA."

He said he was not at liberty to reveal any further information before the meeting, but elaborated on the nature of the CIA-

NSA ties in general and the reaction to their revelation here.

Avakian was disturbed with the comments by Fred Best, ASUC first vice-president, that the issue is "insignificant." He explained that the CIA-NSA link doesn't shock the people in student government because they are involved in the same kind of politics on campus as is the CIA on an international level.

"Backroom politics," he said, is used by the ASUC. Student government refuses to face an issue in the open, convinced that a solution to a problem can be found in meetings "behind closed doors."

Avakian continued, "The CIA is an extension of backroom politics." This is significant in understanding why the issue does not shock those in student government, he added.

Best's position on the CIA-NSA issue, Avakian said, raises serious questions about his quality as a student leader.

Joe Wharton, ASUC representative to the NSA, commented on the CIA influence over the NSA. "The CIA wanted to show other countries that there is a strong student union in America . . . (and) create an international awareness among University students here."

"This is not the case at all," Avakian said. Students were making contacts abroad, making reports to the government and "are essentially agents of the CIA."

Avakian explained how the CIA cover allegedly operates. NSA leaders are told there is a liberal and a reactionary wing in the CIA and they could help the liberal wing by reporting, especially from Communist countries.

This information was perverted, Avakian said, and "used to perpetuate the reactionary policy of the CIA." He cited alleged U.S. involvement in military coups, stating, "The role of the CIA in underdeveloped countries is subversion."

"The real shame," he said, is that Wharton did not know any of this, just as the broad base of NSA did not.

Avakian termed CIA involvement with NSA ironic, since when NSA was formed 15 years ago, it was "fundamentally non-

political." The founders wanted to avoid being a front for the government, he said.

"This is the tragedy" of the situation, he said. The millions working with NSA were "totally duped."

"We will make some positive proposals to prevent this sort of control," Avakian said. He wants NSA elections to be held on campuses rather than at a convention. This would make NSA a "relevant student group, very healthy for the student movement," he said.

He said the plan is to discredit the CIA, get the people to demand an investigation, and finally abolish it.

The Ramparts' story broke when a former member of the NSA revealed the CIA-NSA link. Since then, several other groups have been linked to the CIA and a congressional investigation has been demanded.

At present, more CIA links are being admitted, Avakian said, "forming an elaborate network with unlikely connections."

Asked how far these links go, Avakian said, "People will be very surprised." They go into "ordinary volunteer organizations, even church-types, which have international links." Groups often have cross-purposes that are not always obvious, he added.

"I think it is possible that they extend to places where people shop," he said.

Regarding links on this campus, Avakian said he will give details today, when he can be "more concrete" about individuals at the University and "student-oriented groups."

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